

TOO ILL TO ACT, SHOT HERSELF

Actress Florence Young, Known as Wickliffe, Engaged as Charles Richman's Leading Woman, Dying in a Hospital.

BROKE DOWN AT FIRST REHEARSAL OF THE PLAY.

She Had Long Been Suffering from Illness and Feared She Would Be a Burden to Her Sister.

Florence Young, an actress known on the stage as Florence Wickliffe, is lying in Roosevelt Hospital from a bullet wound in her left breast, self-inflicted. The young woman shot herself today in apartments at No. 128 West Forty-third street, where she lived with Rose, a younger sister, who is an authoress, and upon whom she did not wish longer to be a burden and a care.

The young woman had expected to be a Broadway star this season and had been engaged to play the leading woman with Charles Richman in the new play "Captain Barrington." She began her stage career at the bottom of the ladder and had worked herself up to recognition by the theatrical manager.

When Richman was seeking a leading woman last spring he heard of the beauty of Miss Young and after seeing her and noting her histrionic talent he engaged her for the part.

Miss Young spent the summer at various resorts and returned to New York only two weeks ago. Her health was bad. She was in a most nervous state, fearing that she would make a failure.

Failed at Rehearsal.
The first time she was called to practice for the part was ten days ago. So nervous was she that she made a failure, and weeping she ran from the stage.

"I can't do it," she told Victor Mapes, the stage manager. "This has been the chance of my life and I have missed it. I am too ill and weak to make a success of anything."

Miss Young, who was once the wife of Charles A. Young, a player, from whom she obtained an absolute divorce on May 16, 1900, is said to belong to the Kentucky family of that name, one of the oldest and proudest south of Dixie's line. For several months preceding the law's freeing her from her marital bonds the young woman's health had been failing, and so it had continued ever since, with only brief respites at long intervals of great mental and physical suffering.

Tired of Suffering, She Said.
"I am tired of life, tired of suffering, tired of being a burden. That is why I shot myself; that is why I want to die," said Miss Young to Coroner Schooner, who went to her rooms immediately after the shooting to secure an autopsical statement. "I could not get work and I was a couch with a little pistol, which was no hope, and why should I make my life miserable with mine?"

According to the coroner's learned from Miss Rose Young she had left her room for a moment to go to another part of the house and was returning when she was startled by the sound of a shot. Something told her that it was Florence, and she rushed to the door, finding the apartment she found that her surmise was only too true. Florence lay on a couch with a little pistol, which she had always carried when travelling, beside her, while from a wound just under the heart blood trickled down.

Screams Brought Help.
The sister's screams brought people from neighboring apartments, and Dr. Valsague, of No. 117 West Forty-third street, was summoned to attend to the serious condition of the young woman. The physician notified the police, and Coroner Schooner was called. The latter, upon securing the statement referred to, called Miss Young to be removed to Roosevelt Hospital. She was accompanied by her sister.

Arraignments in Postal Frauds.
Two indicted officials of the Columbia Supply Company will waive examination here to appear in Washington.

Innocent S. McGowan and George H. Huntington, the officials of the Columbia Supply Company, who were indicted in Washington for alleged complicity in the postal scandals, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitchcock this morning. Their counsel, ex-Assistant District Attorney Ridgway, of Brooklyn, appeared for them.

Mr. Ridgway, after a consultation with United States District Attorney Wise, announced that the hearing had been adjourned to Friday next, when his client again would appear before United States Commissioner Hitchcock and waive further examination in New York, furnishing bail for their appearance in Washington, D. C.

The defendants are charged with having paid money to August W. Machen, a postal official in Washington, to obtain the contract of the Columbia Supply Company to furnish the Post-Office with large iron boxes for mailing packages and papers.

The indictment charges that the company paid Machen 50 cents for each box furnished for the Post-Office. The hearing of Morris Runkel, the New York merchant who was indicted in Washington for alleged complicity in the postal frauds, which was to come up today before United States Commissioner Hitchcock, was adjourned until next Monday, owing to the absence of Runkel's counsel, Franklin Bion.

Mr. Runkel supplied the free delivery department with boxes containing letters and leather pouches and it is charged that he paid money to some official for his contract.

Judge Edward B. Thomas, in the United States Circuit Court, Brooklyn, today handed down his opinion sustaining the indictment of former Congressman Edmund H. Drake for complicity in the Post-Office irregularities. The demurrers entered were also overruled.

MISS YOUNG, WHO SHOT HERSELF BECAUSE SHE WAS TOO ILL TO ACT.



FIND THE HIDDEN BODY OF A BOY FIREBUGS BUSY AGAIN IN HARLEM

New Police Mystery Seemingly Disclosed by Uncovering of Corpse Concealed Under Tarpaulin on Joy Line Pier.

The discovery of the body of an unidentified boy, apparently about twelve years of age, in a pile of waste paper on the Joy line pier, foot of Catharine street and the East River, early this morning, has given the police a new murder mystery to solve.

The circumstances surrounding the case suggested that the boy was murdered elsewhere and that the body was brought to the pier some time during the night and hastily hidden in the pile of paper and under a tarpaulin.

When the body was found it was lying on the right side, the right hand being under the cheek and the left hand being bent across the chest, as though the boy had lain down there to sleep.

Over the tarpaulin had been taken from a pile of timber a few feet away. The boy's features indicated Irish parentage. He was poorly dressed, the clothing consisting of a blue and white striped shirt, light striped knee-pants, face shoes, black stockings and flannel under-drawers. He wore no undershirt and his shirt was unbuttoned, exposing his chest. The front of the body was black and blue and blood had been flowing from the nostrils.

Side of Face Pushed In.
The side of the face lying on the right side was slightly pushed in, evidently from the weight of the beams, and there were several bruises on the right side. The boy apparently was accustomed to sleeping in the open air. He seemed to be an ordinary street Arab.

That the body had not been there the night before was proved by the statements of the Joy line officials on the pier.

On Saturday the Old Dominion, of the Joy line, sailed with a cargo of waste paper. Some of the scraps of this had been blown about the pier and had been collected by the workmen and placed in a pile a little to one side of the dock. This had been covered with a tarpaulin to keep it from blowing about.

The pier is being replanked, and a pile of timber which is being used for this purpose stood a few feet away. This timber had only been piled there Saturday and had not been moved yesterday.

This morning when the discovery of the body was made, three of the heavy pieces of the timber had been thrown across the tarpaulin under which the body was found.

The discovery was made by James Cunningham and John Campbell, who reached the pier at about 5.30 o'clock and started to replace the timber and remove the paper. On finding the body they at once notified the police, and Patrolman Timothy Murphy, of the Madison street station, sent in an ambulance call.

Dr. Emily Dunning, of the Gouverneur Hospital, came with the ambulance, and after a careful examination of the body pronounced it a case of murder.

Thinks Death Accidental.
The body was taken to the Madison street station and held there for identification. Precinct Detectives McGee and MacDonald were detailed on the case but could find no clue that carried out the body. The body was taken to the morgue by Ambulance No. 10.

According to their theory the boy had gone to sleep under the tarpaulin and had been killed by the weight of the beams, which some person or persons had thrown on the pile not knowing the boy was underneath.

At the station the boy was recognized by other boys in the neighborhood as a boy who sold papers, ran errands and played along the water front. To the boys he was known as "Bum," the boy who was known by the sobriquet of "Bum."

Eugene Winters, of No. 141 Cherry street, who has several medals for saving lives, thought the boy was that of Tony Lonce, whom he had once rescued from the river. This was found to be untrue.

SIXTEEN DROWNED IN STORM.
LISBON, Sept. 28.—A severe storm has swept over the northern coast of Portugal, two fishing boats containing seventy-two men were wrecked. Sixteen of the fishermen were drowned.

PRESIDENT OFF FOR WASHINGTON

Accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and a Full Retinue, He Leaves Oyster Bay to Again Reside in the White House.

HANDSHAKES FOR CROWD.

Received with Cheers and the Waving of Hats in the Passage Across Manhattan on Way to the Pennsylvania Railroad Ferry.

President Roosevelt has pulled the stakes of his summer home capital and is now on his way to Washington. He left Oyster Bay on a special train of the Long Island Railroad at 8.30 today. With him were Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary Loeb and Mrs. Loeb, W. E. Miller, Roosevelt and children, Frank C. Travers, stenographers, messengers and several Secret Service men.

The hour of leaving was not too early for the enthusiastic residents of Oyster Bay, who at one time and another have felt the firm grasp of their popular President. With handshaking and cheering the President was sent on his journey, and good wishes were hurled at him from all sides. He said his good-bys with his accustomed affability and friendliness.

Returned for Belated Ones.
After the President had boarded the car he noticed on the platform Jerome H. Johnson, A. L. Cheney and some others of whom he had not taken leave. He returned to the station platform to give them the full cordiality of his mighty grasp. With a quick word of recognition here and there he told them all that he had enjoyed his vacation to the full and was in fine shape for the work of the year at Washington.

The special train consisted of a private car, a baggage car and engine No. 31. At Long Island City the Secret Service men kept a close watch on the people who gathered to see the presidential party.

The President and party proceeded to the carriages that awaited their use on Borden avenue, directly north of the station. In the first, an open barouche, Mr. Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary Loeb and Commissioner of Police Greene, took their places. A mounted policeman rode in front and one on either side acted as an equestrian body guard.

Following the Presidential carriage was one containing the Secret Service agents. Then came a hansom occupied by Detectives Downing and Kensler, headquarters men. Five carriages brought up the rear. In them were Mrs. Roosevelt and the children and their attendants. A truck piled high with baggage made the tail of the procession.

Called for Cheers for "Teddy."
When the President entered his carriage some one called for three cheers and a meagre round of applause went up. Then a loiterer at the station joined the crowd from across the street, yelled:

"Three cheers for Teddy!"
The President appeared to be displeased, but he did not cheer. That followed, then a ragged chap gave a wild yell of delight and called for some more cheers for "the President of the United States."

The party was ferried across the river on the Southampton, which was reserved exclusively for the President and suite.

From the ferry the procession moved across Thirty-second street to Fifth avenue. A few stragglers, hearing that the President and party would pass, held places along the curb. The party made its way down Fifth avenue and through Twenty-third street to the Pennsylvania Railroad ferry.

One Enthusiastic Boy.
At Tenth avenue the President recognized the crowd. He dropped his books and shouted himself hoarse. That was the one demonstrative burst of enthusiasm along the entire line of march.

At Park avenue a thirty-second street car, which was crowded with people, and it was reported that it was occupied by Mrs. Roosevelt, who was making a hurried call upon a friend before leaving for Washington.

Archibald and Ethel Quentin Roosevelt were the only children who were members of the party until it reached Jersey City, where they joined their father, Theodore and Kermet have been sent to school in Massachusetts.

The President's intention to return to Oyster Bay next November to vote at the local elections.

In the Special Cars.
In the first special car, the Hortensia, were the Secret Service men and the servants. In the Olympia, which was the rear car, were Secretary Loeb and Mrs. Loeb, the President and family and an old friend of Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Lavinia Lewis.

While waiting for the train to pull out of the Pennsylvania Railroad station, W. Martin Jones, of Rochester, called on the President and they had a few minutes' conversation. The President grasped Mr. Jones' hand, telling him at the same time that he was glad to salute a temperance Republican. Mr. Jones ran for Governor on the Prohibition ticket fifteen years ago.

The crowd in charge of the train which is carrying the President to Washington is the same that took him on other of his famous Washington trips.

John Vorhies held the throttle while James Howland acted as conductor. Just before the train started the President closed the President came out of the car and said a few words to the crowd that had gathered. He was not cheering, but all heads were bowed.

TO NOMINATE ALDERMEN.
Citizens' Union Conventions Will Be Held To-night.

Conventions of one sort or another will be held in almost all the Assembly districts to-night under the auspices of the Citizens' Union district leaders for the purpose of nominating candidates for Aldermen or recommending some other action to be taken in regard to candidates.

FIVE INJURED AT FIRE.
CINCINNATI, Sept. 28.—Five persons were injured, one critically, by jumping from windows to escape death from fire in a building on East Ninth street today. The building was occupied in the rear by the J. H. Louis Carriage Company and the front was used as an apartment-house. The fire started in the second story of the factory. Four of the injured were imprisoned by the flames in the fourth story and jumped from the windows. The loss to the carriage company was about \$9,000.

EULAH LEE, WHOM VERDU WAS SHADOWING WHEN KILLED.



OLD SETTER DOG IS BRAVE LIFE-SAVER

Animal Sees Two Men Struggling in the River, Attracts Attention by Barking and Goes to Their Assistance.

To the gameness and big-heartedness of the old setter dog that has for years been a figure on the Scandinavian-American pier at the foot of West Fifteenth street and the North River, Herman Omers, of No. 59 Washington street, owes his life.

Omers and a friend, Michael Maybe, were out in a rowboat to-day trying to make a landing at the foot of Fifteenth street when the boat capsized. Neither man could swim and there was no sign of human life on the pier.

The shouts of the fear-stricken men in the river were heard, however, by the dog, barking and running up and down the pier the setter wasted but a few moments and then, seeing no chance of immediate help, sprang from the pier into the water.

James H. Hogen, the dock engineer, heard the barking of the dog and soon after the screams of the men who felt themselves helpless in the water below. Throwing off his coat, Hogen jumped into the water, and then both man and dog worked together for the rescue.

The dog reached Omers first and grabbed the man by the collar. Hogen went to the aid of Maybe, dragging his man back to the pier the engineer had a hard struggle to make a landing. By this time a crowd had gathered and the rescuers were cheered to the echo.

Maybe was thoroughly exhausted, but his condition was not so serious as that of Omers, who lay just above him, recovering sufficiently to be taken home, was escorted to a car. Maybe went with him.

DEAD IN A WAGON WITH BLOODY HEAD

Dodd Fell and Hurt His Jaw, but Refused to Remain at Hospital—Crawled into Wagon to Sleep and Died There.

The body of Michael Dodd, of No. 823 Tenth avenue, was found in a covered wagon in a vacant lot at No. 427 West Fifty-fifth street, early to-day. He had been dead some hours.

The body was covered with bandages, some of which were blood-stained, and the police on investigating learned that Dodd had fallen on Eighth avenue on Saturday night and had injured his jaw. His wound was dressed at Roosevelt Hospital, but he refused to remain. He died at the hospital.

CRUSHED BY A TREE.
(Special to The Evening World.)
WARWICK, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Four men from this town, while fishing at Orion Lake, took shelter under a big rock on the shore during a severe thunder storm. A dead tree just above them was struck by lightning and fell on them, killing Joseph Short, fifty-three years old, and injuring Charles Hare, Lewis Hyatt and John Freeman.

ANOTHER ARREST IN VERDU CASE

Thomas E. Moran Is Locked Up Charged with Taking Part with Martin and Others in Fatal Assault on Detective.

NOW LOOKING FOR ALLEGED ACCOMPLICES

Woman the Men Were Shadowing Is an Actress, Who Says She Is Suing Broker for Breach of Promise.

Upon information furnished by Joseph Martin, who is in custody on suspicion of being one of the gang that attacked and killed Adrian Verdu, the private detective, Capt. Handy, of the West Forty-seventh street station, has arrested Thomas E. Moran, twenty-one years old, an electrician, of No. 39 West Fifty-fifth street. Moran admitted that he was one of those who assaulted Verdu, and his explanation of the attack supports the police theory that the neighborhood miscreants the purpose of Verdu and Hansen as a menace to young girls. The police expect to arrest the other members of the gang later in the day.

The woman who it is believed was being shadowed by Verdu and Hansen is Miss Eulah Lee, an actress, who formerly appeared in "The Mocking Bird." She intimated that she was suing a well-known broker for breach of promise, and that he was having her watched. She lived up to a few days ago at No. 233 West Fifty-fifth street, a boarding-house kept by a Mrs. Grenwell. Mrs. Grenwell said to-day that after the young woman had attracted so much notoriety she had asked her to leave her house, and the last done so, requesting that her mail be sent to No. 233 West Forty-third street, in care of "Wilkinson."

The police cling to the theory that the gang which killed Verdu is composed of young fellows in the neighborhood who thought Verdu and Hansen were kidnapers.

Martin Is Identified.
Hansen has identified Martin as the one who shot Verdu, and he says he will know most of the others if they are brought before him. More than one of the prisoner's friends is worried to-day, fearing arrest, and Capt. Handy declares that the parents of several of these youths have employed lawyers to defend them.

Martin was taken before the Magistrate in the West Side Court and charged with the assault upon Verdu. He waived the examination, was remanded to the custody of the Coroner and was taken direct to the West Forty-seventh street police station. There another hearing was had before the Coroner. The prisoner was represented by ex-State Senator O'Sullivan.

Coroner Scholer held Martin in \$5,000 bail, which was furnished by Anson J. Moore, a tea merchant, living at No. 225 West Fifty-fifth street. Hansen, as a resident of New Jersey, furnished \$200 bail to insure his presence as a witness.

Have Plenty of Time.
Coroner Scholer has set the inquest for Oct. 12, that the police may have plenty of time to arrest the other members of the gang and obtain evidence against them. Assistant District Attorney Kernochan has taken charge of the prosecution of Martin.

Moran was taken to the Coroner's office this afternoon and held in \$5,000 bail pending an inquest. He was remanded back to the West Forty-seventh street station.

GEORGE WILSON INDICTED. Accused of Drugging and Robbing Women in the Tenderloin.

The Grand Jury this afternoon filed four indictments against George Wilson, who robbed a number of women in the Tenderloin after administering "knock-out" drops to them.

Three of the indictments accuse Wilson of robbery in the first degree as a second offense. The penalty prescribed by law on each of these indictments is one to forty years imprisonment. The fourth indictment charges the carrying of a dangerous weapon.

Wilson will be arraigned before Judge Newland in General Sessions tomorrow to plead to the indictments. It is alleged that Wilson obtained more than \$2,000 worth of jewelry from the women he robbed. He served eleven months in the penitentiary in 1893 for petty larceny.

FIRE IN NEW YORK THEATRE.
Flames Were Extinguished with a Pair of Water.

The automatic fire alarm attached to the New York Theatre went off shortly after 1 o'clock to-day, summoning the engines there.

The fire proved to be a small one. Some cloths, which were being used on the stage, caught fire. The flames were extinguished with a pair of water.

The fire started in the theatre at the time except a few of the employees.

JOSEPH M'GRATH MISSING.
Youth of Eighteen Disappeared More than a Week Ago.

The parents and friends of Joseph M'Grath, eighteen years old, of No. 11 West Forty-fifth street, have requested The Evening World to help discover the whereabouts of the youth.

Young M'Grath, who was very popular in his neighborhood, worked for William Mock, gold and silver plater, at No. 21 John street. He received \$12 a week's salary, a week ago Saturday night and started for his home. That was the last seen of him by his friends.

CLOTHES ON ROOF BURNED.
Police Say Gang of Ruffians Started the Blaze.

Mrs. James Cassidy, of No. 336 East Ninety-sixth street, lost all her clothes to-day by a fire on the roof of the tenement in which she lives. The origin of the fire, according to the police, is secondary, caused by a gang of ruffians who infested the roofs in this district, destroying property to the value of \$10,000, and having been complaining of their depredations.

Mrs. Cassidy had washed her clothes and hung them on the roof to dry. When she discovered they were on fire she started for her home. Before the fire department arrived the flames had destroyed all the garments.

Three BROADWAY stores. Cor. 13th St. Cor. Canal St. Near Chambers.

TELL LOW OF NOMINATION.

Fusion Committee Goes to Mayor's House to Formally Notify Him.

Committees from all the Fusion interests meet Mayor Low, Comptroller Grout and President Farnes at Mayor Low's house at 5 o'clock this afternoon to notify them formally of their nomination.

Timothy L. Woodruff is Chairman of the Committee. Other members are: Louis Stern, M. Linn Bruce, Robert C. Morris, George A. Sheldon, Cornelius Van Cott, Moses M. McKee, Tompkins Melvaine, William H. Ten Eyck, Edward H. Healey, Jacob Brenner, Michael J. Dady, Harry A. Hanbury, Robert A. Sharkey, F. J. H. Kracke, George Roperberger, J. G. Timolat, G. R. Manchester, J. E. Smith, David W. Erskine, B. Frank Wood and Thomas A. Brannin, for the Republicans.

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The Rug department is in receipt of some of the handsomest specimens of Oriental Rugs ever shown in the American market.

All kinds of Persian and the finest antique and modern pieces are included in the stock.

The particular items mentioned in the sale are of unusual value and are the result of expert selection.

Kirmanshah Rugs, exquisite specimens for color. Size, 15x10 1/2 ft. 500.00. Value 700.00.

Tebritz Rugs, ivory centers with pale green and red border. Size, 12x10 1/2 ft. 750.00. Value 1,000.00.

Cashmere and Afghan Rugs. Large sizes 50.00 to 85.00. Value 70.00 to 110.00.

Kazaks, average size 4x7 1/2 ft. 24.50. Value 35.00.

Kurdists and Mosula. Average size 4x7 ft. 16.75. Value 24.00.

Antique Daghestans. Average size 3x5 1/2 ft. 22.50. Value 35.00.

Antique Shirvans. Average size 3x5 1/2 ft. 16.00. Value 24.00.

Twenty-third Street.

Sale of Handkerchiefs at 1/2 former prices.

500 dozen Women's Lacetrimmed, Hemstitched, Embroidered and Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs that cost from \$2.00 to \$4.50 a dozen to import, will be offered to-morrow, at 12 1/2 c. & 25 c. each.

—Also— 500 dozen Men's White Hemstitched Pure Linen Handkerchiefs 14, 1/2 and 1-inch hems, 12 1/2 c. each, about 1/2 value

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